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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IAEA BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 1977

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1. FOLLOWING INTERNAL REVIEW OF AGENCY'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977 IN LIGHT OF STRONG SENTIMENT AT RECENT A&B COMMITTEE THAT BUDGET SHOULD BE REDUCED, DG PROPOSES REDUCTIONS AMOUNTING TO TOTAL OF \$1,020,000, RESULTING IN NEW TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1977 OF \$40,151,000.

2. REDUCTIONS ARE PROPOSED IN FOLLOWING AREAS IN AMOUNTS INDICATED: (A) POLICY-MAKING ORGANS, \$62,000; (B) EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, \$127,000; (C) GENERAL SERVICES, \$58,000; (D) RESEARCH AND ISOTOPES, \$326,000; AND (F) SAFEGUARDS, \$191,000. PROPOSED REDUCTIONS INVOLVE CUTTING TEN PROFESSIONAL POSTS, ELEVEN GS POSTS AND FIVE M&O POSTS (TOTAL OF 26 POSTS). PROFESSIONAL POSTS CUT IN FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) LIFE SCIENCES, ONE P-4; (B) PHYSICAL SCIENCES, ONE P-4 AND THREE P-3; (C) SAFEGUARDS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE P-4; (D) ADMINISTRATION, ONE D LEVEL AND ONE P-2; AND (E) GENERAL SERVICES, TWO P-3. AGENCY

INTENDS TO MAKE UP FOR SOME OF THESE CUTS THROUGH SPECIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY POSTS WHICH CAN PRESENTLY ONLY BE JUSTIFIED AS TEMPORARY IN NATURE, E.G., POSTS FOR TRIAL PERIOD OF ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR DATA FOR FUSION PROGRAM.

3. FOLLOWING MEETINGS PROPOSED TO BE DELETED: (A) SEMINAR ON THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ACUTE RADIATION INJURY FROM EXTERNAL RADIATION; (B) SEMINAR ON POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE PNE TECHNOLOGY; (C) ADVISORY GROUP ON RADIOISOTOPE RENOGRAPHY; (D) ADVISORY GROUP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WORK OF SSDLS; (E) ADVISORY GROUP ON ISOMERIC FISSION; (F) ADVISORY GROUP ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES IN ORGANIC ANALYSIS; (G) ADVISORY GROUP ON FINANCING THE FUEL CYCLE; (H) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON REPROCESSING OF IRRADIATED FUELS; (I) ADVISORY GROUP ON OWNER'S COSTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS; (J) SPECIALISTS' MEETING ON GAS TURBINE TECHNOLOGY; (K) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON USE OF GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES; (L) STANDING COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE.

4. OTHER REDUCTIONS INCLUD \$62,000 FOR LINGUISTIC SERVICES IN RESPECT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF BOARD, \$150,000 RELATING TO EXPANSION OF ANNEX OF SIBERS-DORF LABORATORY, AND \$11,000 MISCELLANEOUS.

5. MISSION BELIEVES SECRETARIAT HAS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY IN ACHIEVING BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. PROPOSED LEVEL OF 1977 BUDGET OF JUST OVER \$40 MILLION FULLY MEETS U.S. OBJECTIVE PER PARA ONE REFTTEL. STONE

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